

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A provisional femoral head, comprising:
a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end thereof, said spherical body including a cutout intersecting said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture.
2. The provisional femoral head of Claim 1, wherein said spherical body further includes a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp.
3. The provisional femoral head of Claim 1, wherein said spherical body further includes a vent aperture fluidly connecting said internal aperture and a proximal end of said spherical body.
4. A provisional femoral head, comprising:
a spherical body having a generally cylindrical internal aperture formed in a distal end of said spherical body, said internal aperture sized to accommodate a provisional femoral neck, said spherical body further including a vent aperture fluidly connecting said internal aperture and a proximal end of said spherical body.
5. The provisional femoral head of Claim 4, wherein said spherical body further includes a clamp aperture sized to receive a blade end of a clamp.
6. The provisional femoral head of Claim 4, wherein said spherical body includes a cutout intersecting said internal aperture, said cutout sized whereby a provisional femoral neck can traverse said cutout to be positioned within said internal aperture.
7. An apparatus for maintaining an access in the tissue of a body comprising:
a tubular retractor having a hollow interior sized to accommodate passage of surgical instruments therethrough.
8. The apparatus of Claim 7, further comprising an occluder including an extension for insertion into said hollow interior of said tubular retractor, said occluder further including a flange, said flange of said occluder abutting an end of said retractor

when said retractor is positioned about said extension, said occluder further including a handle.

9. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said tubular retractor includes a plurality of apertures spaced about the exterior thereof.

10. The apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said tubular retractor has a generally rectangular cross section.

11. The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said tubular retractor includes a plurality of apertures through a pair of opposing sidewalls of said tubular retractor.

12. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein each of said apertures is symmetrical about a plane perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said tubular retractor.

13. The apparatus of Claim 8, wherein said retractor has a generally rectangular cross section.

14. The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein said extension of said occluder has a generally rectangular cross section.